



Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Beloit maintains the goal of being an eco-municipality which aspires to develop an ecologically, economically and socially healthy community for the long term. A sustainable municipality meets basic economic, social, and security needs without undermining the natural resource base and the environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the goal of a sustainable organization is to have biological systems remain diverse and productive over time. Beloit increasingly supports initiatives to carry out sustainable development projects such as green building programs, open space preservation, public space beautification, recycling, and smart growth planning; and

WHEREAS, the concept of Sustainability remains embedded in the City of Beloit's Strategic Plan. Every individual goal is defined to "create and sustain ..." incorporating the idea that sustainability is not a project – it is a way of life and governance; and

WHEREAS, a strong community sustainability commitment manifested in energy-efficient operations, green spaces, clean streets and waterways, and clean air are indicative of a city that is investing in its future and very desirable for individuals and employers seeking to relocate to the area; and

WHEREAS, reducing GHG emissions will reduce local air pollution and improve public health; and

WHEREAS, climate change is known to lead to longer and more intense heat waves, increased intensity of storms, flooding, droughts, loss of sea ice, extinctions, sea level rise, threats to human health, and loss of agricultural output; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a world leader in clean energy technology, and renewable energy is the fastest growing energy source in this country; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City of Beloit installed photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of the Police Department. The energy produced by these panels ties into the electrical system at City Hall and reduces the amount of energy that the City purchases. Beloit has produced 315.6 MWh of solar energy to date, which is the equivalent of 5,710 trees saved, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy, the utility for the City of Beloit, has committed to accelerate their sustainability goals to eliminate all coal from their generation fleet by 2040 and aspires to achieve net zero carbon emissions from the electricity they generate by 2050; and

WHEREAS, our current generation has a moral obligation to leave a habitable planet to the next and future generations; and

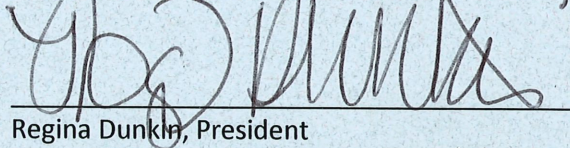
WHEREAS, careful and ongoing planning is necessary to understand what is practical in the short term while increasing efforts in the mid and long-term target ranges, where technological advancements occur and costs decline; and

WHEREAS, these goals are in accordance with the goals of the State of Wisconsin, which supports and encourages communities to commit to sourcing energy from renewable sources through the Office of Energy Innovation Energy Independent Communities (EIC) and through Governor Evers' Executive Order #38, Relating to Clean Energy in Wisconsin.

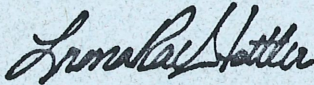
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Beloit that we will support State, Federal, and International efforts to reduce GHG emissions with the goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2040.

Approved this 15th day of March, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF БЕЛОIT


Regina Dunkin, President

ATTEST:



Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk-Treasurer

